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SUBJECT: SITUATION IN LEBANON IN CONNECTION WITH ME HOSTILITIES

1. OFFICIAL GOL PRONOUNCEMENTS TO DATE RE HOSTILITIES  
BETWEEN SYRIA, EGYPT AND ISRAEL MADE BY PRIMIN SOLH  
EVENING OCT 6 (2000 HOURS LOCAL) IN WHICH HE SAID GOL,  
IN COURSE OF HIGH-LEVEL CONTACTS WITH SYRIAN PRES ASSAD,  
PRIMIN AYYOUBI AND EGYPTIAN DEPUTY PRIMIN HATEM, HAD  
INFORMED THEM LEBANON WAS PREPARED PLACE "ALL ITS  
RESOURCES" AT THEIR GOVTS' DISPOSAL, AND THAT LEBANESE  
ARMY UNITS STATIONED ALONG FRONTIERS HAD ORDERS TO  
RESIST ANY AGGRESSION AGAINST LEBANESE TERRITORY BY  
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FORCE. SUBSEQUENTLY, SOLH CALLED ON ALL LEBANESE

CITIZENS "TO DO THEIR DUTY AT THIS CRITICAL TIME AND PRESERVE NATIONAL UNITY IN FACE OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS." SAID LEBANESE ARMY DESERVED SOLID SUPPORT FOR ITS EFFORTS DEFEND LEBANON AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE "OUR PALESTINIAN BROTHERS WILL DISPLAY EXEMPLARY DISCIPLINE AND HARMONY, IN INTEREST OF COMMON CAUSE FOR WHICH WE ARE ALL FIGHTING." (COMMENT: ONLY KNOWN RESOURCES GOL HAS CONTRIBUTED TO DATE HAVE BEEN SOME MEDICAL SUPPLIES. SOLH'S LATER COMMENTS CLEARLY AIMED AT CALMING FEDAYEEN AND THEIR SYMPATICOS.)

2. ONLY SUBSTANCE TO MANY SELF-GENERATED REPORTS OF FEDAYEEN ACTIVITY TO DATE APPEARS LIE IN CLAIM BY PLO, LATER CONFIRMED BY LEBANESE ARMY G-2, THAT FEDAYEEN HAD FIRED ROCKETS AT KIRYAT SHEMONA (ONLY TWO TIME-FUSED ROCKETS). ISRAELIS RETALIATED BY LOBBING SEVERAL ARTILLERY SHELLS AGAINST FEDAYEEN POSITIONS IN 'ARQOUB. TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE, OTHER PLO CLAIMS OF "FIERCE FEDAYEEN-ISRAELI BATTLES ALONG CONFRONTATION LINES" APPEAR HAVE NO SUBSTANCE AND HAVE BEEN DENIED BY LEBANESE DEFENSE MINISTRY. PLO ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT FEDAYEEN UNCOVERED "CIA-ZIONIST PLOT" TO ASSASSINATE PALESTINIAN LEADERS IN BEIRUT, A CANARD WHICH WE HAVE CATEGORICALLY DENIED, STATING TO LOCAL PRESS THAT ALLEGATIONS USG PLOT VS. FEDAYEEN IS "RIDICULOUS AND COMPLETELY UNTRUE."

3. ALTHOUGH BEIRUT REMAINS VERY QUIET AS OF 1400Z AND EMBASSY, US PERSONNEL AND LOCAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY APPEAR IN NO DANGER AT PRESENT. LEBANESE PUBLIC APPEARS CALM DESPITE REPORTS OF CONTINUED FIGHTING IN GOLAN AND SINAI, WITH MANY OF OUR LOCAL CONTACTS AND MUCH OF LEBANESE PRESS HOPING THAT LIMITED SCOPE OF CONFLICT THUS FAR SHOMEHOW MEANS IT IS MERELY PRELUDE TO EARLY CEASEFIRE LEADING TO RESUMPTION OF INTENSIVE DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES FOR CONCLUSION OF OVERALL ME PEACE SETTLEMENT. (COMMENT: AS FIGHTING DRAGS ON, LOCAL ATTITUDE COULD QUICKLY WORSEN.)

4. ALTHOUGH ISRAELIS SPOKE DIRECTLY TO LEBANESE, THROUGH CONFIDENTIAL

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ILMAC, ABOUT THEIR CONCERNS (BEIRUT 11884), WE CONVEYED TO GOL OFFICIALS ISRAELI CONCERNS RE SYRIAN AIRCRAFT LANDING AT RAYAK AIRBASE, ALLEGED USE OF LEBANESE RADAR TO PROVIDE INFO TO SYRIAN AUTHORITIES, AND DANGERS INHERENT IN FEDAYEEN ACTIVITY ALONG LEBANESE-ISRAELI BORDER (STATE 199687).  
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